

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

There are a small percent of people that need hearing aids that do need to be examined or have a hearing test before getting a hearing aid and they have that privilege. But I do not feel it would be fair, to all the rest to be forced to do that. I have always been give a money back guarantee when I have bought hearing aids through the mail but have never had to send them back.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I am 87 years old and have been using hearing aids purchased through the mail for several years and have been very pleased with them. With my income I do not think I could afford the extra cost of others.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes

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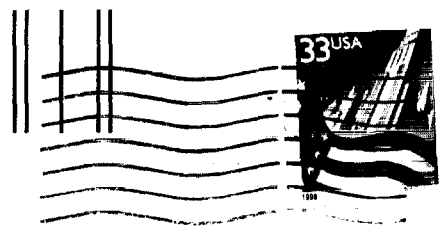
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